Springerville Town Council Minutes July 15, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Nedrow Mayor, Vice Mayor, Bill Lucas, Ron Thebeau and Phelps Wilkins.

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Tim Shaffery, Town Attorney, Larisa Bogardus Community Dev. Tom Malone PWD.

Public: Kevin Burk, Ron Cavanaugh, Jim Muth, Dan Muth, Candy Cook, Chuck Corey

- 1. Mayor Nedrow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Muth.
- 3. Public Participation:

As the chair of the Springerville Municipal Airport Advisory Committee, Chuck Corey extended thanks to the council and manager for their support of the airport. "There are some really good things going on out there." Staffer Sheila Dulhanty is doing a "fantastic" job and has an excellent rapport with people, including the FAA. Councilman Wilkins thanked Corey and the committee for their efforts. Candy Cook reported the airport fly-in breakfast fundraiser will be the first weekend in October.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports.

Councilman Lucas said P&Z granted a CUP for a privacy fence on Hwy. 180 and continues to review the Master Plan. He expects a report near the end of the year.

Town Manager West reported the fireworks were very popular and there was huge attendance for the Fourth of July weekend events. It was well worth the investment and he advised council to continue the practice. Several residents have asked why there was no flyover. Last year's was a coincidence, a training mission was refueling at the airport during the parade and agreed to participate. He said staff would try to schedule one for next year.

He asked council to table Item 7 indefinitely due to some legal issues.

Ms. Bogardus reported that staff continue to explore annexation and plan a community meeting on the subject during the Aug. 12 P&Z meeting. Staff will discuss annexation's pros and cons, and answer questions. It will be posted and open to the public, including council.

- 5. Consent agenda.
 - a. Consider approval of the July 1, 2009 council meeting minutes.
 - b. Consider ratification of accounts payable for the month of June 2009.

Bill Lucas/Phelps Wilkins motion to approve consent agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow

Eric Baca Bill Lucas Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins

Old Business

6. Executive Session: It was decided to move the executive session to the end of the agenda.

New Business

7. Springerville-Greer Right-of-Way Highway Easement: Discussion and action regarding accepting a right of way easement for the Springerville-Greer Highway.

Phelps Wilkins/Bill Lucas motion to table the item.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow

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8. <u>Draft Resolution or Proposal to Apache County:</u> Update by Town's Legal Counsel regarding the relinquishment of county/town roads within the corporate limits of the Town of Springerville.

This report was a followup to the discussion during the July 1 meeting regarding the transfer of roadways within the town boundaries. Attorney Shaffery said he has discussed the matter with the Muths (surveyors). The intent of the county resolution is not clear. It appears to grant easements to the towns of Springerville and Eagar, but the map shows no roads within Springerville.

It can and should be cleaned up, but would require him to work with the County Attorney and Engineer.

Jim Muth said it is important to clear it up for the sake of property owners. He has a client in Eagar who cannot get title insurance because of one such roadway.

Dan Muth said a subdivision plat includes a dedication of roads and infrastructure to the governing entity, signed by the owner, then accepted by the entity. The county roads were never formally accepted. Eventually the Town will be asking for roads within annexed areas as well. It would be best to know the correct procedure.

Mr. Shaffery said it would not be a gigantic expense, but it is outside the normal duties of the Town Attorney, so he wanted authorization to proceed. Consensus was for Mr. Shaffery to contact the county and report back at the next regular meeting. Mayor Nedrow thanked the Muths for their help.

Old Business

6. <u>Executive Session</u>:

Bill Lucas/Eric Baca motion to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-431.03 A (1) (3) and (4) for legal consultation at 6:34 p.m. for:

- a. Consider entering into executive session for a personnel evaluation with the Chief of Police.
- Consider entering into executive session for discussion on the town manager contract.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow

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Phelps Wilkins/Ron Thebeau motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow

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c. Any action/discussion as a result of the executive session.

Eric Baca/Bill Lucas motion to award a 4 percent merit increase to the Chief of Police. Councilman Wilkins said he felt Chief West had taken over as manager in a bad situation and

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done a good job. He would prefer 5 percent, but would vote for 4. Councilman Thebeau said he had nothing against the Chief's performance, but he wanted to keep costs down.

Vote: Ayes: Eric Baca

Bill Lucas Ron Thebeau

Nays: Mary Nedrow

Phelps Wilkins

11. Adjournment:

Eric Baca/Phelps Wilkins motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow

Eric Baca Bill Lucas Ron Thebeau Phelps Wilkins

ATTEST:

Larisa Bogardus, Community Development Director

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, July 15, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2009

Town Clerk